

Costs for the XRD Service at the DCBP

(effective as of May 1st, 2026)

Service item	DCBP internal	Uni Bern DCBP external/ Swiss universities and research institutions (VAT exempted)	External universities (VAT exempted)/ Companies (VAT not included)
Crystal screening under X-rays/ unit cell determination/ powder diffraction	55 CHF	110 CHF	275 CHF
Single crystal diffraction measurement (room and low temp.); includes initial screening, structure solution, refinement, report and CIF	330 CHF	660 CHF	1650 CHF
High pressure, high temperature, charge density, other non-routine experiments	200 CHF	400 CHF	1000 CHF

For submission of a sample for analysis, please use the online form under xrd.dcbp.unibe.ch. In addition, please bring your sample including the filled service form to the sample cupboard or the fridges opposite room N212.

Simple screening by us under the microscope is at no charge. However, please always screen your samples under a microscope yourself before you submit them to minimize the number of unsuitable non-crystalline samples.

All measurements will be carried out at 173 K (-100 °C). Please indicate if you require lower or higher temperature.

For any group with an average of five or more crystal structures per month (“superuser group”), our staff situation does not allow us to perform the full service, including structure refinement, report and CIF generation. In that case, we request the group to be involved in the data processing with their own manpower. There will be regular workshops to train the respective co-workers of such a superuser group. In turn, this means that the fee will be adjusted. There is a fluctuating flat rate for superuser groups.